

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

CHELCHOWSKI, et al.FOR: **A PIPE COUPLING ADAPTED FOR
SEALING THE END OF A PIPE**SERIAL NO. **To be assigned**FILED: **April 18, 2006**ART UNIT NO: **To be assigned**EXAMINER: **To be assigned**Attorney Docket No: **LP-02-027****PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are provided before the initial examination of the above-identified patent application. Examination and consideration of the above application in light of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.